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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, IZ  
SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: (A) STATE 186923 (B) STATE 190995

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS WITH DR. ISMAT KETTANEH, CHIEF OF MFA'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES, THE SUBJECT OF THE BONN DECLARATION AND ANTI-HIJACKING MEASURES WAS BROUGHT UP. PRESENTATION WAS BASED ON REFTELS PLUS RELATED WIRELESS FILE AND PRESS ITEMS, AND STRESS WAS PLACED ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE SIGNATORIES -- PARTICULARLY THE U.S.-- TO IMPLEMENT THE DECLARATION.

2. KETTANEH WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS, AND ADDED THAT IRAQ IN GENERAL TERMS SUBSCRIBES TO BOTH THE PHILOSOPHY AND THE INTENT THAT WERE EXPRESSED IN BONN. THE GOI HAS REFUSED IN THE PAST TO LET HIJACKED AIRCRAFT AND/OR HIJACKERS FIND ASYLUM IN IRAQ, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

3. ON THE ISSUE OF A PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT, A SUBJECT THAT WAS BROACHED VERY GENTLY, KETTANEH WAS FAR MORE CIRCUMSPECT IF NOT EVASIVE. HE EVIDENTLY  
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DOUBTS THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD BE WARMLY RECEIVED WITHIN THE MFA AND MADE NO COMMITMENT TO SURFACE IT. I DID NOT PURSUE THE ISSUE.

4. IN A SUBSEQUENT BRIEF CALL ON THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DIVISION (DR. HABIB AL-QAISSI) THE SAME GENERAL POINTS WERE MADE. COPIES OF THE

STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE END OF THE BONN MEETING  
(REF B) WERE LEFT WITH BOTH OFFICIALS.

5. COMMENT: IT IS PROBABLY SAFE TO ASSUME THAT  
IRAQ WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ITS PRESENT POLICY OF NOT  
WELCOMING HIJACKERS OR THEIR COMMANDEERED AIRCRAFT.  
SUPPORT FOR THE BONN DECLARATION IS LESS LIKELY, IN ANY  
PUBLIC MANNER, BUT REMAINS A POSSIBILITY IF A SUITABLE  
UMBRELLA, E.G. THE ARAB LEAGUE, IS PROVIDED.  
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